

No Outsiders home learning

The boy who loved everyone by Jane Porter



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Blurb:

“I love you,” Dimitri tells everyone, from his friends at nursery to the ants in the playground. But why doesn’t anyone say it back? Dimitri worries no one loves him, until he discovers there are many ways love can spread through the world.

An uplifting story about the power of kindness

Here’s a video of the author, Jane Porter talking about the book. Watch the video and then have a go at the activities on the next few pages. Thank you Jane for the video.

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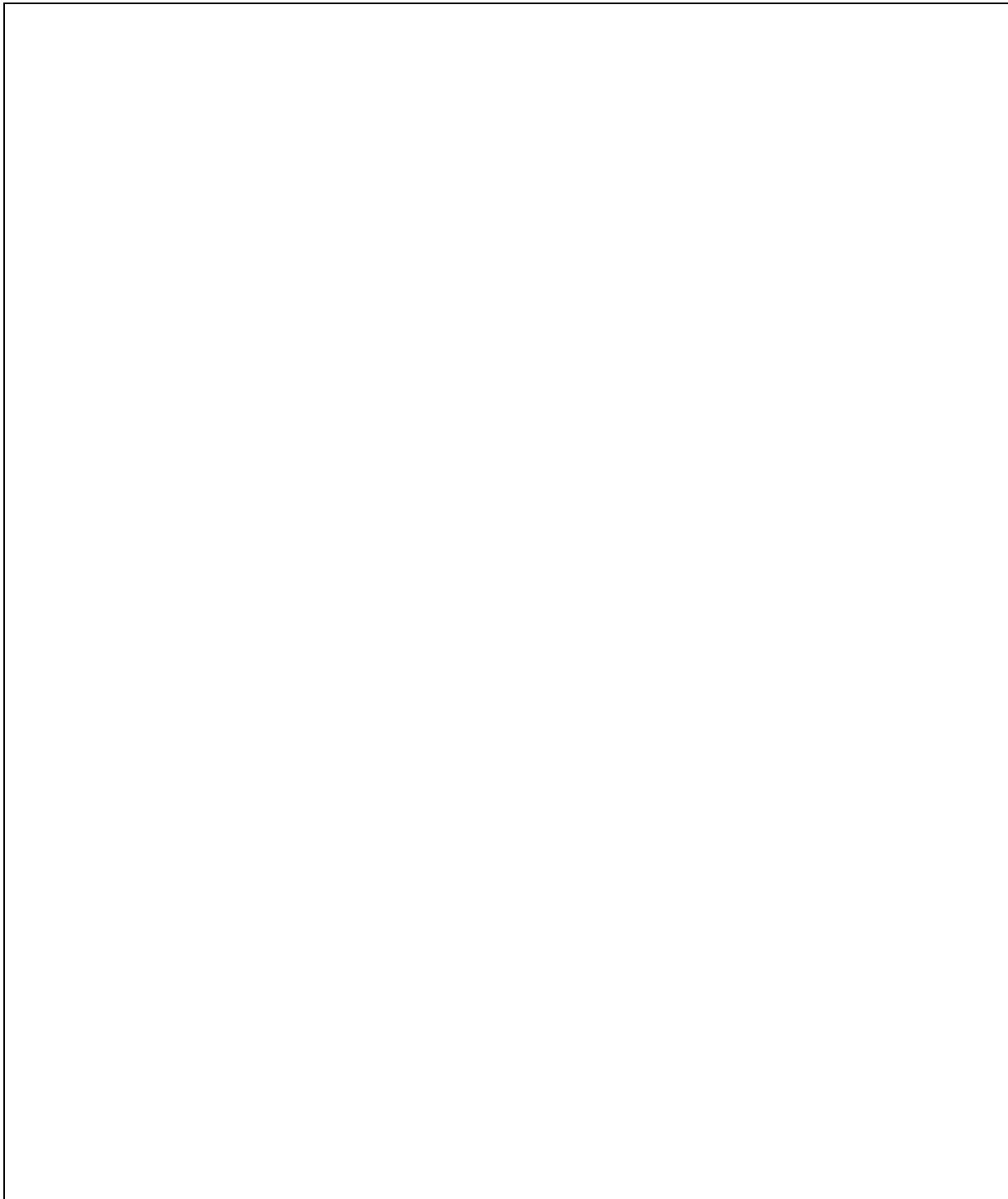
No Outsiders links: belonging, empathy, relationships, choose kind

There are 8 worksheets here, the first two are aimed at younger children and the others are aimed at Key stage 2 children.

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The boy in the story says, "I love you," to everyone. Who do you love? Draw a picture of the special people in your life that you love, who love you too.

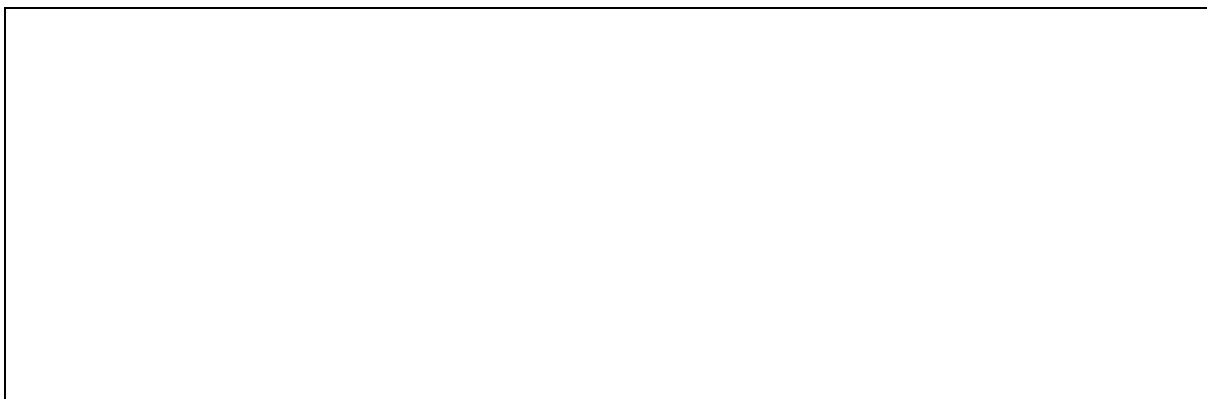
A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a student to draw a picture of special people in their life.

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Watch the video of Jane talking about her story. She says the illustrator Maisie spent some days in a classroom to get ideas for her drawings. Maisie drew things she remembered from the classroom; ladybird cushions, toys, odd socks. What else do you see in the picture? A flag poster, different colour shapes on the wall, a car mat, pictures hanging from strings.

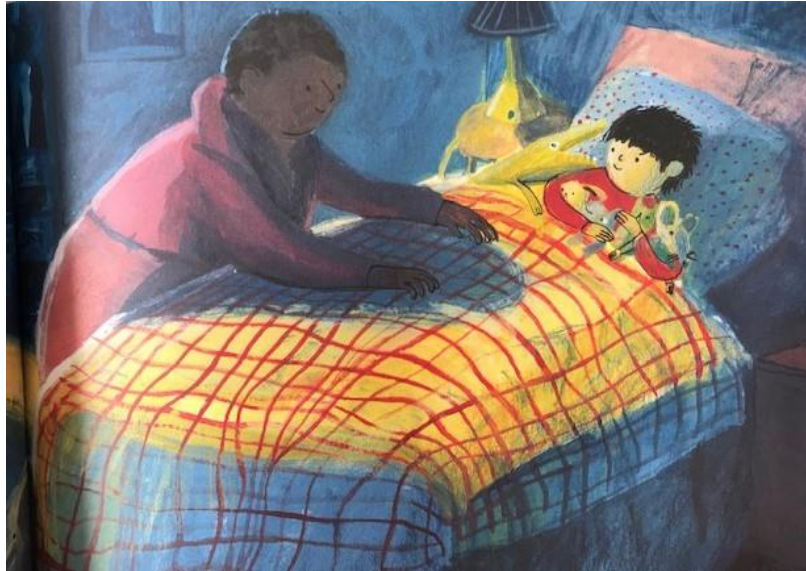
If Maisie came to your classroom, what do you think she would draw? Draw three things that remind you of your classroom.

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Jane says this is her favourite picture in the story



Dimitri is upset because all day he has said, "I love you," to lots of different people, and no one has said, "I love you," back.

But at bed time Dimitri says, "I love you, Mum."

Mum says, "And I love you too, Dimitri. You're my best boy."

Why do you think Dimitri says, "I love you," to everyone he meets?

How do you think it makes people feel? Why does no one answer Dimitri?

Why is Mum the only person to answer, “And I love you to, Dimitri.”?

Why do you think this is Jane’s favourite picture?

In the story, Dimitri tells Mum that he told everyone he loved them and no none said it back.

On the way to school, Mum shows Dimitri that people have different ways of showing how they feel. A man feeds stray cats; “he’s saying ‘I love you’ to the cats” says Mum.

A girl waves at Dimitri; “Look, she’s saying it with her smile” say’s Mum.

What do you think Mum is trying to show Dimitri?

When Dimitri gets to school, a boy gives Dimitri a hug and says, “Hello my friend! Will you sit with me at story time?”

What is the boy showing Dimitri? What is Dimitri learning?

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In the video, Jane asks us to look at this picture and think about the feelings shown.



Dimitri keeps saying, “I love you,” to everyone, but no one says it back. Think of words to describe how he feels and write them here. Your target is 12 words, but you may be able to think of more.

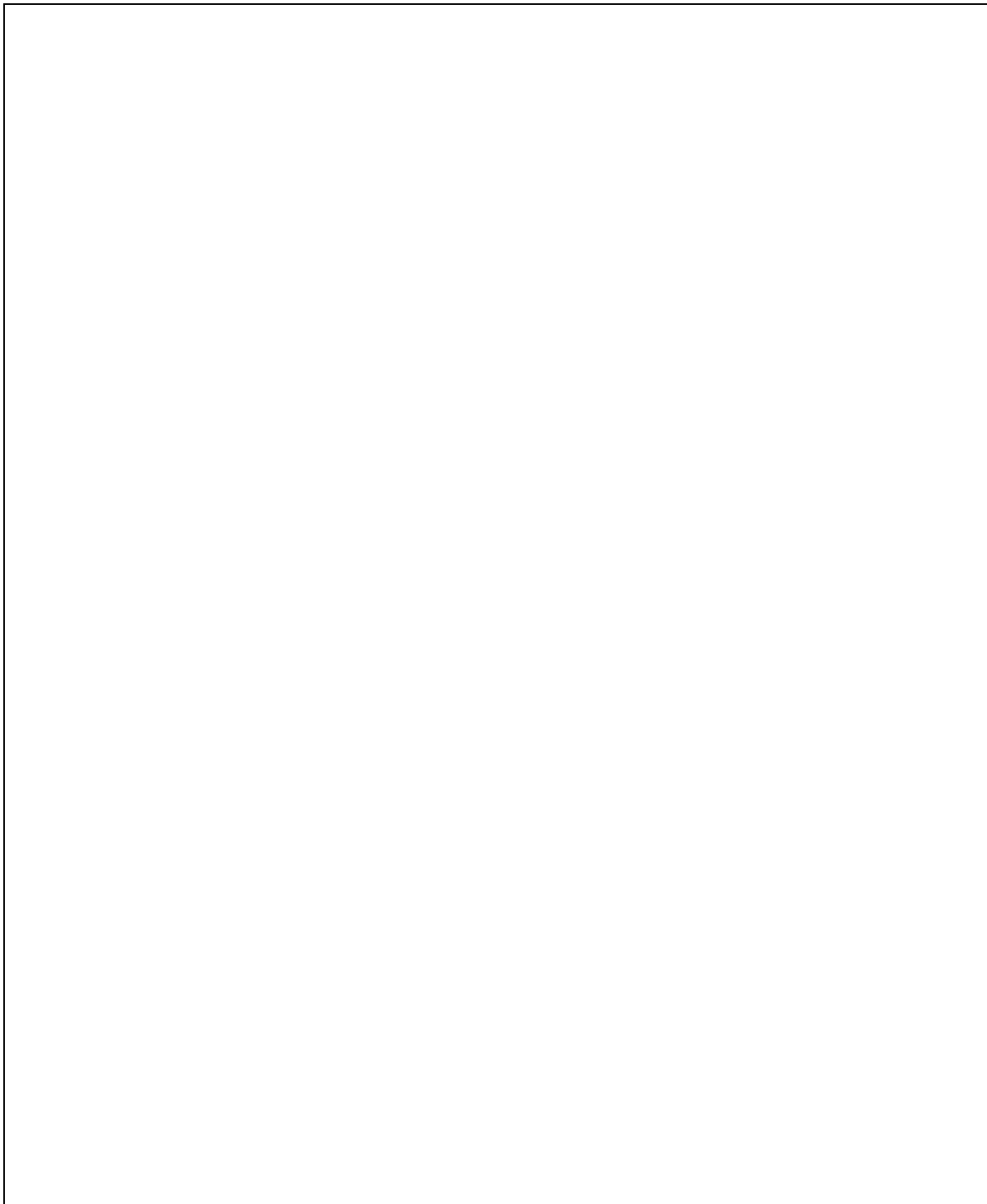
Think how to help Dimitri. What would you say to Dimitri if he said, “I love you,” to you?

Instead of saying, “I love you,” to everyone, what could Dimitri say?

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In the video at 5.54 Jane shows a great drawing of a volcano with a dragon and a teapot. Watch the film and have a go drawing it yourself.



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The picture Jane draws for us is from a story about a volcano, a dragon and a magic teapot. But that story has not been written yet; can you write it? Watch the video from 5:54 for some ideas from Jane.

The volcano, the dragon and the magic teapot

A story by _____

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The blurb on the back of this book says it is a story, “about the power of kindness”. Think about that statement; what does it mean? Why is kindness powerful?

Who shows kindness in the story? Is Dimitri showing kindness by telling everyone he loves them? Or is it the other characters showing kindness? Explain your answer.

“Dimitri worries no one loves him, until he discovers there are many ways love can spread through the world” what does this mean? How can love spread through the world? Give examples.

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The coronavirus has been very challenging for everyone across the globe. But it has also been a time when people have come together and performed acts of kindness.

Look at these pictures and write in the boxes how they show the power of kindness.



Elderly residents at a care home play “hungry hippos” together



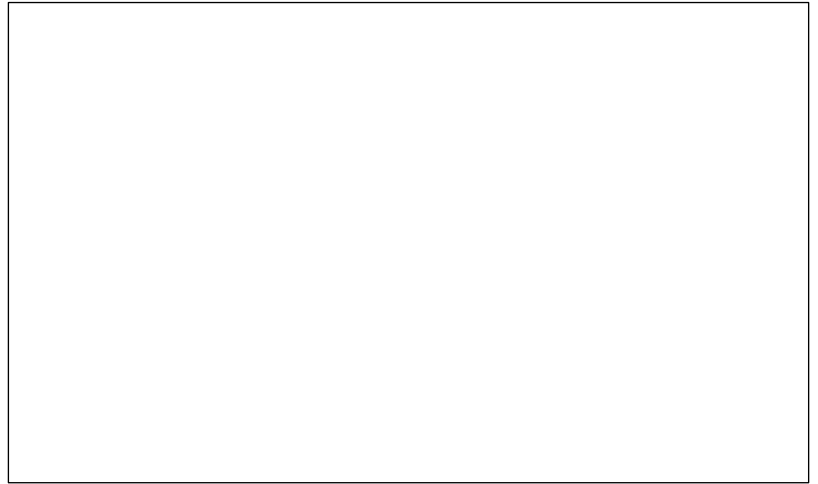
Residents in Italy sing to each other from their balconies



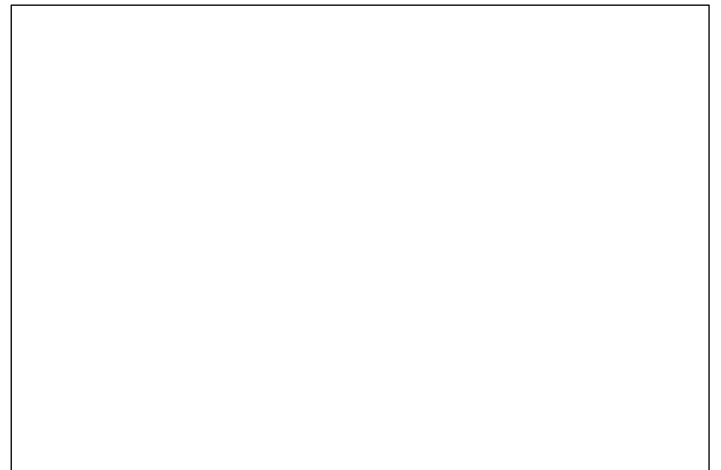
Many shops have organised parts of the day just for elderly shoppers.



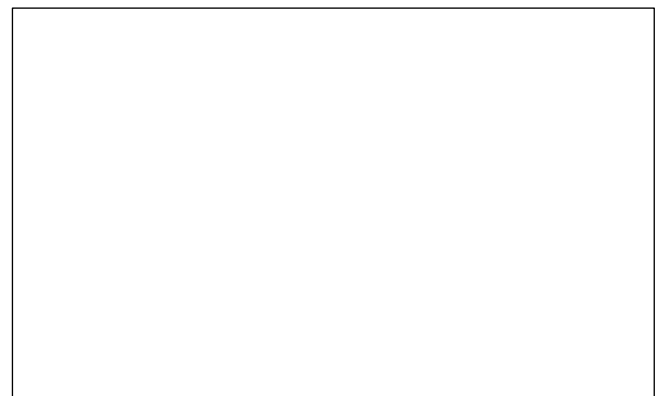
Kaye and Nick Andrews dressed as Easter Bunnies and delivered eggs to children.



Josh Laidler ran 35 miles on a treadmill to raise money for care packages for NHS workers



Sangeeta Chopra is giving healthy Indian take-away food from her café to local NHS workers



What do all these pictures tell us about people around the world and the power of kindness?



